



The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society's **EXCITER**

GET INVOLVED

- RARS General Membership meeting: Second Tuesday of the month.
- The RARS net meets every night except Saturday @ 8 p.m. on 146.640.
- The RARS Technical & Trader's net: Saturdays @ 8:00 PM on 146.64.
- ~~RARS meets for a monthly dinner on the First Tuesday of each month.~~



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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frequently for our 2020 ham public service schedule.

RARS General Meeting

Topic: A tribute to the Golden Age of Radio: A RARS Variety Show

Presenter: Virginia NC4VA

Date: April 14, 2020

Time: Meeting at 8:00 PM

Where: 146.64 Repeater

President's Message, April 2020

We are living through strange times. RARSfest is cancelled, club meetings are cancelled, Taco Thursday and the RARS dinner are cancelled. Many of us are working at home, spending time on Zoom, Hangouts, or other video conferencing platforms.

Hams are stepping up to find or expand different ways to connect. We haven't figured out how to replace RARSfest with a video link yet, but we have come up with some ideas for keeping up with each other on the radio—where else?

Since Taco Bell is closed, Alan, AB4OZ, began hosting a special Taco Thursday net last week on the 146.64 repeater. It meets at the regular time, each Thursday at 11:30. The first edition of this net had around 25 check-ins and went on about 90 minutes. Just like our usual Taco

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The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc. (RARS) was founded in 1969 and continues to serve and support the amateur radio community in the greater Triangle area. In 1999, the society incorporated a new RARS and obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status.

The objectives of the club are to promote worldwide friendship through amateur radio; to be of public service by providing radio communications in times of disaster, emergency, or civic needs; to educate members in radio technique, and to provide training classes to assist in obtaining amateur radio licenses.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is eligible to apply for membership. Dues for regular licensed amateurs are \$18 per year (from July 1 through June 30). Additional immediate family members pay \$5 each per year. Dues for licensed amateurs older than 59 or younger than 16 are \$12 per year. Dues for non-licensed associate members are \$9 per year. Applications for membership may be obtained from the treasurer or on the RARS website (www.rars.org).

Exciter

The Exciter is the official newsletter of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. It appears each month as a PDF on the RARS website at www.rars.org. Members receive email notification when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Treasurer.

The Exciter welcomes articles, advertisements, and other contributions. To submit a piece to the newsletter, please contact the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's Exciter is the Saturday that is ten days before the general meeting. All submissions must be final. Drafts are not accepted.

The views expressed in the Exciter are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or RARS.

Tom Lewis, N4TL, editor (editor@rars.org)

For Your Information

RARS General Meeting

Date: Second Tuesday of each month

Location: Ridge Road Baptist Church 2014
Ridge Road Raleigh, NC, 27607

Time: People begin arriving at 7 p.m. The
meeting officially begins at 7:30 p.m.

RARS Monthly Dinner

All members and guests are welcome to the monthly (first Tuesday) RARS Supper, 6:30PM, at the IHOP Restaurant, 7471 Six Forks road, 27615. Its on the corner of Six Forks road and Sawmill Road, 6:30 PM to 8PM They have a room for us that is to the left when you enter the restaurant. Informal and Dutch, just bring your appetite and best rag to chew.

RARS Repeaters in Raleigh

146.640 and 444.525

Join us for the nightly RARS net at 8 p.m. on the 146.640 repeater. All hams holding a Technician class license or higher are invited to check in. We welcome both RARS and non-RARS members to the net.

There is a net Listing on the RARS website click here. <https://www.rars.org/nets.php>

VE Testing

The RARS VEs will accept walk-in testing in February, May, August and November at 5:30PM, prior to RARS membership meetings at Ridge Road Baptist Church; the RARSfest in April; the Cary Swapfest in July; the JARS-Fest in November; and following RARS license classes. Please bring a photo ID, your original and a copy of your current license, your \$14 exam fee, and any valid CSCEs that prove passing elements beyond that of your current license. Visit <https://www.rars.org> for more information.

March 2020

RARS Net Monthly Summary

Checkins: 665

Traffic Brought/Passed: 13/13

Minutes: 1364

Sessions: 31

Virginia Enzor NC4VA

RARS Net Manager

Interesting Websites

630 Meters

Information about 630 meters from Louis, K4BYN.

<http://njdtechnologies.net/your-630m-2019-yearbook/>

4U1UN

4U1UN at the UN is back on the air. Their current QSL manager has past paper logs. I sent him an email and he put two contacts from 1988 and 1989 on LoTW for me. 73 Tom N4TL.

<https://dx-world.net/news-4u1un/>

Directional MW AM Antennas

Chuk Gleason, KB4MDZ, sent this to the Exciter.

The Development of the Directional AM Broadcast Antenna

<https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/roots-of-radio/the-development-of-the-directional-am-broadcast-antenna>

Presidents Comments continued

Thursday conversations, we discussed everything from batteries, to weed killer, to antique jukeboxes and wind-up Victrolas. All hams with VHF privileges are welcome to check in every Thursday.

Our regular April club meeting has not been cancelled; it's just been moved to the 146.64 repeater. We're holding an on-the-air club meeting in the form of a special Tuesday night net on our usual meeting night, April 14, at 8:00pm. We'll have check-ins and a short business meeting along the lines of our regular meetings. Then, Virginia, NC4VA, will host a program called "A tribute to the Golden Age of Radio: A RARS Variety Show." The program will have a few different segments reminiscent of Old Time Radio and should have something amusing for everyone.

Our May club meeting will be via Zoom video conference, at the regular time, 7:30 on May 12. The program will be "Radio and the Disappearance of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan" by Brian Harrison, KN4R. Brian has done this program for other amateur radio groups on Zoom. I'm an aviation enthusiast and a radio buff, so I'm looking forward to this presentation!

Zoom is free for the user and is easy to use once installed. If anyone needs help with Zoom, some RARS members have volunteered to help any members who want some help setting up before the last minute. Please contact me at jfh49@bellsouth.net if you'd like a volunteer to give you remote help setting up Zoom before our May meeting.

Last Tuesday, The Raleigh News and Observer had a half-page story about a new morning net held on the Carolina 440 link system by members of the Cary Emergency Response Team (CERT). It was great to see ham radio featured in the paper like that, and it's great to see hams coming up with new ways to stay in touch and to keep many of our club's activities going.

John Honeycutt – N8ZU



48th Annual RARS_{fest} and ARRL NC State Convention CANCELED

We are sad to announce that the 48th annual RARSfest/Roanoke Division Convention, scheduled for April 11, 2020, has been canceled in accordance with our Local government mandate. The health and wellness of all involved are a priority to Raleigh Amateur Radio Society and, there are no plans to reschedule the event this year. In an attempt to reduce the inconvenience to our loyal attendees, all paid pre-registration monies will be refunded. Paypal and Check payments will be returned through the proper channels and cash payment persons will be contacted by RARS. We apologize for inconvenience and look forward in having you join us next year on April 3, 2021.

Your understanding and patience will be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

The 2020 RARSfest Committee, Tara Goodwin, W4TSW, Chairwoman

RARS Gatherings Suspended

Due to the current COVID-19 related mandates, all RARS in-person gatherings are suspended until further notice. Information will be published as the situation evolves. Please utilize the RARS nightly net on the W4DW 146.64 repeater and the RARS-L Email Reflector to stay in touch with fellow members.

Refer any questions to the RARS president using the form on the officers and contacts page at <https://www.rars.org/contacts.php>

Next Two RARS Meetings

The April 14 RARS meeting will be held on the 146.64 repeater at 8PM. The presentation will be "A tribute to the Golden Age of Radio: A RARS Variety Show" By Virginia NC4VA.

The May 12th meeting will be held using Zoom at 7:30PM. Zoom is a conferencing application that runs on computers, tablets and phones. The presentation will be "Radio and the Disappearance of Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan" By Brian Harrison, KN4R. More information will be in next month's Exciter.

<https://www.rars.org>

March 2020 RARS Awards



RARS president John Honeycutt, N8ZU, running the meeting. John also gave out the two plaques and the RARS award certificates. Most recipients were not present.

Plaques:

- Carl Davis, W8WZ, Outgoing President
- Tara Goodwin, W4TSW Outgoing Secretary

Certificates:

- Jeremy Lindsley, KB4JDL at PSE Odyssey of the Mind
- Brian Young, KA9QJT, 100 + Public Service Events

- Wallace Smith, KJ4UKV, 100 + Public Service Events
- Joanne Mars, AA3N – In Appreciation as a RARS Director at Large, Years 2017 to 2019.
- Robert Walker, K4WWR – In Appreciation as a RARS Director at Large, 2018 – 2019.
- Murray Merner, K4MHM – In appreciation as RARS Youth Director, 2018 – 2019.
- Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ – In appreciation of his serving as the ARRL Roanoke Division Director from 2015 to 2018.
- Karl Bowman, W4CHX – In appreciation for serving as the ARRL NC Section Manager from 2014 to 2019.
- John Stone, K3RHJ – In Appreciation as RARS Public Service Director for Years 2018 – 2019.
- Bob Oderkirk – In Appreciation as Regional Event Liaison to the RARS Public Service Team for several years.
- Forever Clean - In Appreciation for donating the health facilities at the Annual RARS Field Day for several years.
- Bill McDowell, K4CIA – In Appreciation as the Regional ARRL and CQ Awards QSL Card Checker for RARSfest and the ham community.
- Gary Pearce, KN4AQ – In Appreciation for ALL his Contributions to and Promotion of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society.

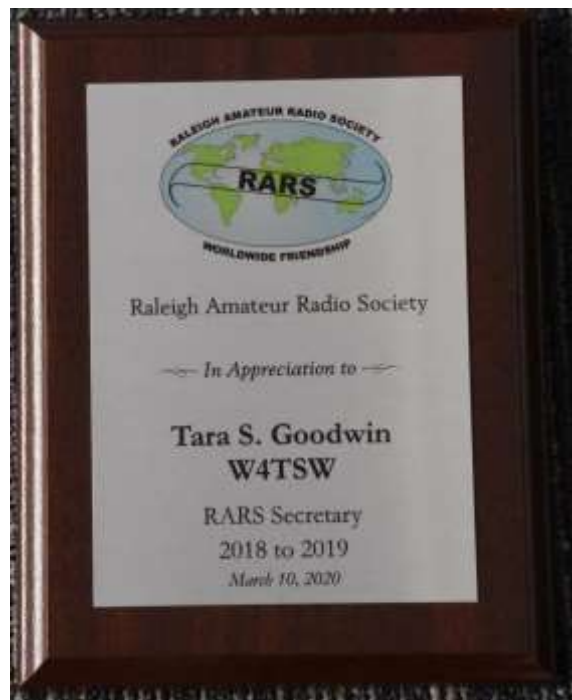
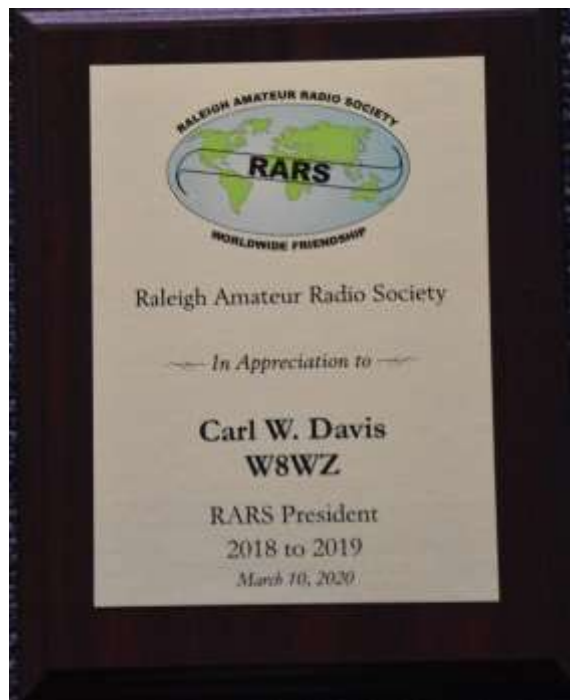
March 2020 RARS Awards continued

- Virginia Enzor, NC4VA – In appreciation for ALL her contributions to RARS, Central Carolina Skywarn and her leadership and promotion of Emergency Communications in the Capital District and in North Carolina.
- Richard Kroeger, N1FUA – In appreciation for the great job as the current RARS Meeting Food Service Chairman.
- Sandy Thomas, KC4SYV – In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years
- Lucinda Gantt, KB8LVU - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Cindi Pearce, KD4ACW - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Lillian Ferrarini, KC4AYH - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Carolyn Mayfield, KC4EYK - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Ken McEwen, KI4OTO - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Joanne Mars, AA3N - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Susanne Parks, W2GHK - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Mary Lundberg, KE4KPZ - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Jennifer Zech – In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Sally Chapman - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Mary Jo Littlewood, K4MJL – In Appreciation as the RARSfest Supper Chairwoman for several years.
- Lillian Ferrarini, KC4AYH – In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Selene Montgomery, KG4RMT – In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Supper Staff for several years.
- Wade M. Gutreuter, KW9EMG - In Appreciation as a valuable member of the RARSfest Ticket Sales Staff for several years.

March Meeting Plaques



Carl Davis, W8WZ, Outgoing President, Tara Goodwin, W4TSW Outgoing Secretary



Plaques awarded to Carl and Tara for their service to the RARS

March 2020 RARS Awards continued



Left to right

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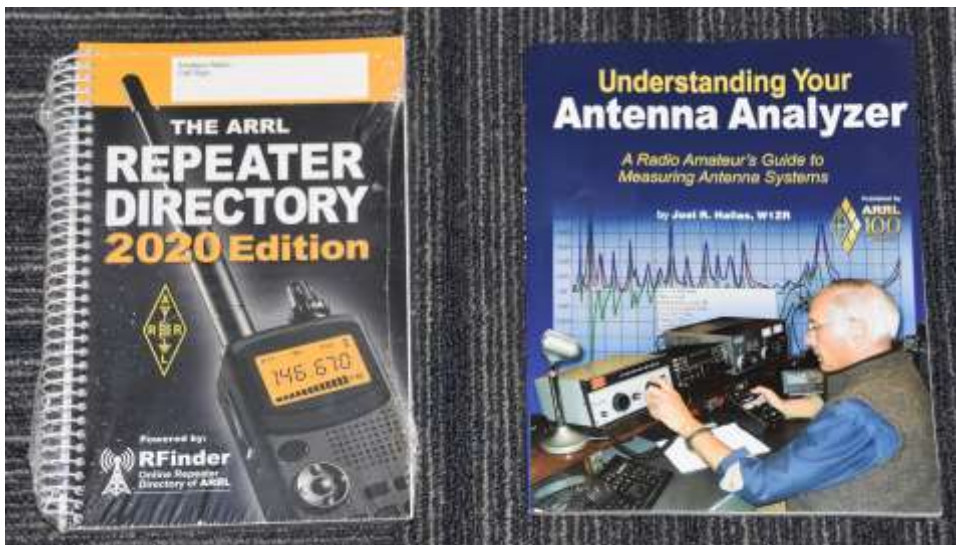
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Other recipients were not present.

March Membership Meeting, Door Prize Winners



Charles Strickland, WA4OSS and Paul Bryant, N4YGU



Door Prizes

RARS March Meeting



Tara Goodwin, W4TSW RARSfest Chair gave a presentation on the upcoming RARSfest
Which was CANCELED later on due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic



RARS is 51 years old

*New HAM meeting, 6:00 p.m. before the
member meeting*

Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW, New Ham meeting Coordinator

*The New Hams meeting is held every month before the regular RARS meeting.
We'll try to start by 6pm. We try to address topics in a manner that will be of help
to hams in their first year of operation.*



Tadd Torborg, KA2DEW demonstrating
HF radio to a group of hams.



Antennas used for the demo



Two transceivers
used for the demo
with disinfecting
wipes and hand
sanitizer.



RARS Birthdays

Devin	KN4FVH	04/01
Roger	KB4FEU	04/02
Rob	KM4MLY	04/03
Bob	W4TTX	04/03
Mike	KW4IQ	04/04
Garry	KM4MMC	04/07
Henry	WB2AGA	04/08
Ginger	KD4OKP	04/08
Julia	KT4JR	04/09
Dennis	NC4DK	04/10
Richard	G7EIX	04/11
Bob	K2QJ	04/11
Mike	KK4QMA	04/12
Martin	KI4CFS	04/13
Dave	K4KDP	04/13
Tom	NC4TS	04/15
Cindy	KB8LVU	04/15
Thomas	N4IZE	04/15
Albert	N4AGG	04/16
Charles	KM4MBS	04/17
Ryan	N7RYN	04/17
Larry	W4LEC	04/19
Kirk	KI4RK	04/19
John	W4WWD	04/20
Peter	K2AXI	04/21
Fin	NC4FG	04/22
Troy	KN4WSO	04/22
Joanne	AK4RJ	04/23
Dave	KG4OPZ	04/24
Patrick	W4NMS	04/25
Glen	KE4NPZ	04/27

*Everyone is
welcome!*



Due to the COVID-19
Pandemic Taco Thursdays has
moved to the 146.64 repeater.
11:30 AM

RARS Birthdays

Charlie	WA4OSS	04/27
Kirk	KM4RHF	04/27
Joe	KT4JOE	04/27
Daniel	AG4DB	04/28
Stan	WA2KQY	04/29
John	NC4JP	04/29
Tara	W4TSW	04/30

New Members

Brian Shanahan	K4BMW
Dave Buchanan III	Not Licensed
Dave Hostetler	KO4FKA

FT8 operating hints

By Chuck Till, K4RGN

1. Did you answer a CQ and get no reply? If there's not even a trace of signal on the waterfall, be patient and wait another cycle before you give up.
2. Did you answer a CQ and see a reply on your waterfall that didn't decode? Retry once but only once. If you keep banging away, you might interfere with a QSO on that offset between the caller of the CQ and another operator whom you can't hear because of propagation. If on subsequent cycles, you see that the op continues to call CQ and still cannot hear your answer, either try a split offset (someone may be interfering with you) or wait a few minutes for propagation to improve.
3. If you make an unspecific CQ and someone whom you've never worked replies to you, give the courtesy of a QSO -- even if he's just across town.
4. Suppose an op calls CQ, you answer on the offset, and the two of you complete a QSO. Always move to another offset before you initiate a CQ of your own or call another station. It's impolite to hijack the original offset.
5. Don't abruptly abandon an in-progress QSO simply because you just decoded a rare DX station. FT8 QSOs don't take long to complete.
6. If you click on the wrong line of the WSTJ-X "Band Activity" list and inadvertently call a station that you didn't mean to, halt your transmission promptly -- but keep your eye on the waterfall in case the operator calls you back. If the op does, give the courtesy of a QSO.
7. If you answer a CQ by calling on a split offset, take care to observe whether the operator who called CQ answers someone other than you. Unless you chose an offset that's adjacent to the CQ frequency, WSJT-X will not detect this situation automatically -- and so it will continue to transmit. After you've seen 73s exchanged, call the operator again if you wish. (Other FT8 programs get this right.)
8. Although some FT8 ops collect QSOs on a per-band basis, most FT8 ops never work a station a second time on FT8. WSJT-X makes it easy to recognize when you've already worked a station calling CQ.
9. DX hint: if you are returning a CQ from a rare station on a split offset, your best bet is to try 60 Hz below the CQ offset or 60 Hz above. When receiving, WSJT-X looks first at the "channel" you're on and then two channels on either side.
10. If there's a pileup reaching a rare station, go high -- like 2600 Hz offset or higher. There are usually fewer ops up there.
11. If you see a station transmitting on two or three offsets at once, you haven't lost your mind. Some FT8 programs used by DXers have this capability.

RARS Classifieds

Copied from <https://www.rars.org/classifieds.php>

The items below were listed within the last 30 days on the RARS website.

Framing Nailer, air powered

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Full-sized framing nailer in case. Works from compressed air. Used very little. Stored unused for the last two years. Yours for only \$15. Pickup in Chapel Hill.

4000 pound capacity rolling floor jack

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

A 4,000 pound capacity rolling floor jack. Used only a little over the years and works fine. In original (but worn) box. Pickup in Chapel Hill; can't ship; too heavy. Only \$15 cash or PayPal.

Oxwall Model 3000 Drill Press with Drill

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Used but works fine; ready for use. 20.5 inches tall; use it on your workbench. Great for projects like drilling printed circuit boards, metal work etc. Surplus to my needs. Pickup in Chapel Hill; probably too bulky to mail. Only \$15 cash or PayPal. W4NPN fbw4nnpn@gmail.com

Turns Counter for rotary (variable) coil

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Commercial Grade turns counter removed from a transmitter. Has not seen much use from its appearance. Only \$30, firm. Pickup in Chapel Hill or it can be mailed if you pay postage. Cash or PayPal OK. W4NPN fbw4nnpn@gmail.com

Rotary Coil

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

1 uh rotary (variable) coil. Excellent condition. See another ad for a commercial-grade turns counter to go with it. Only \$40 (these sell for much more on eBay). Pickup in Chapel Hill. PayPal or cash OK. W4NPN fbw4nnpn@gmail.com

RARS Classifieds continued

Hallicrafters S40B

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

Here's a working Hallicrafters S40B. Good clean panel; case has been repainted. Good shop radio or for a nostalgia tube station. Surplus to my needs. Pickup in Chapel Hill...shipping would be expensive. Only \$30, cash or PayPal. W4NPN fbw4nnpn@gmail.com

Newmar Base com 10 Amp Power Supply

Posted March 30th, 2020 by: W4NPN

Contact: fbW4NPN@gmail.com

A like-new Newmar Base Com 10 D.I.V. 13.5 volt 10 amp power supply. These retail anywhere from \$136 to \$159. Buy this one for only \$40. Works fine, I just don't need it. PayPal or Cash are OK. Pick up in Chapel Hill or I can ship if you pay postage...probably \$15 to CONUS zip codes. W4NPN fbw4nnpn@gmail.com

TI99/4A

Posted March 29th, 2020 by: KA2FWC

Contact: ka2fwc@bellsouth.net

Also while I was cleaning up, I found my old TI99 home computer. I pulled it out and found my games. I had one problem. I am missing at least one key. It is the black model. Does anyone have a broken one or one they want to get rid of?

Let me know

Thanks, Frank KA2FWC

KLM PAC 15-100 C UHF Linear (class AB1) for sale

Posted March 28th, 2020 by: KA2FWC

Contact: ka2fwc@bellsouth.net

I was cleaning up, and found an amp I had stashed for years

It is a commercial UHF 100w (with 15w drive) 12v input. It is great for SSB, since it is linear.

I don't need it, and offering it up for sale. I am asking

\$200 but will take reasonable offers. I live in N Raleigh, and prefer local to save shipping

Thanks for looking

Frank

RARS Classifieds continued

Free Network Rack

Posted March 26th, 2020 by: KJ4DNC

Contact: parmstrong256@gmail.com

I have a full height, 42U network rack on rollers that is free to a good home. I've been told to get it out of the garage. You will need a pickup truck to get it. Call me at 919.457.6254 or email at parmstrong256@gmail.com. Thanks for looking.

73, Paul

Free Door

Posted March 24th, 2020 by: N4TL

Contact: n4tl2@yahoo.com

Free smooth surface hollow core interior door. 36 by 80 inches. 1.25 inches thick. Can be used as a desktop over the top of two 29-inch high file cabinets.

Kenwood Th-D72A for sale

Posted March 22nd, 2020 by: KD4STA

Contact: steven@earthtoforknutrition.com

Kenwood Th-D72A, 144/440 dual bander. 3 years old and barely used. With box and original accessories. \$350 OBO.

Heil Sound Pro Set Elite iC Headset and Hand Switch

Posted March 19th, 2020 by: KN4UFL

Contact: KN4UFL@gmail.com

Heil Sound Pro Set Elite iC headset PSE-IC with AD-1-IC adapter cable for connection to 8 pin round mic input on ICOM base transceivers and an 1/8 in. to 1/4 in. headphone adapter.

Heil Sound Hand Switch HS-2 Used once.

\$150 for both.

RARS Classifieds continued

VIBROPLEX DELUXE SEMI-AUTOMATIC

Posted March 15th, 2020 by: N4KYW

Contact: howagood@yahoo.com

Chrome base. Red paddle and knob. Shorting bar. Couple of mods, all reversible:

1. RCA jack added between connection terminals
2. Fender washers added to slow action
3. Connection strips (underside) replaced with single sheet of printed circuit board.

Email me for photos.

Working Atwater Kent model 20c TRF radio.

Posted March 11th, 2020 by: N4TL

Contact: n4tl2@yahoo.com

Working Atwater Kent model 20c TRF radio. This radio was restored and looks great. The two audio transformers were not working and there are new ones inside the metal cans. \$100 or make an offer.

Working Freed Eisemann NR-6 No 612A TRF radio

Posted March 11th, 2020 by: N4TL

Contact: n4tl2@yahoo.com

Working Freed Eisemann NR-6 No 612A TRF radio. The radio is in good condition. The papers that show how to connect the batteries is missing. The two original audio transformers did not work (they are still in the radio). There are new ones under the chassis out of sight. They can easily be removed if someone does not like them being there. \$125 or make an offer.

Hickok 539C tube tester, lower price

Posted March 11th, 2020 by: N4TL

Contact: n4tl2@yahoo.com

Hickok 539C tube tester, in good condition and working. The meter sticks. Tapping brings it back to zero. Sold as is. Includes a clean manual from Vintage Manuals in Knoxville, TN. \$200. Or make an offer.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020

Ridge Road Baptist Church
2011 Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC

John Honeycutt opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The following were in attendance:

Members:

John Honeycutt - N8ZU
Tom Lewis - N4TL
Greg Seamster - KE4PAX
Mark Kilmer - KM4JRH
Chuck Littlewood - K4HF
Alan Pitegoff - AB4OZ
Richard Kroeger - N1FUA
Ken Latchum - AD4GX
Tadd Torborg - KA2DEW
Carl Davis – W8WZ
Marty Young - W4MY

Visitors:

Brantley West - K4CBW

A quorum was present and the previous meeting minutes were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

President:

John distributed the treasurer's report provided by Greg.
Jeremy Lindsley, KB4JDL, has been appointed as interim Public Service Director.

Vice President: The March 10th club meeting topic, *RARSfest*, will be presented by Tara Goodwin (W4TSW). Included as well will be the club birthday party and the awards ceremony.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Treasurer:

The bill to the fairgrounds for RARS*fest* has been paid.

Education Director:

We will continue with the Fall Technician classes. There will be no General or Extra classes. A Spring class has not been scheduled.

Field Day Chair:

An e-mail has been sent to last year's Field Day participants to determine who can and cannot participate this year. Included in the loop is Jim Williams from CARC, as they will be participating with RARS in this year's event, as a joint venture.

Bob is planning to have a "pig pickin" for dinner Saturday night. He requested any suggestions, from the board, as to who has the expertise in that area, to contact him.

Exciter Editor:

A link will be included to the Blue Ridge Microwave Society presentation.

Announcement of the Central Carolinas Antique Wireless Association meeting in Charlotte, NC.

Food Service Chair:

Report on current status of the food budget. For concerns that the table donations are not keeping up with expenses, Richard was directed to buy the type and quantity of food he needs not worry those expenses might exceed the table donations.

ARRL Liaison:

Marvin Hoffman, WA4NC, attends as the NC ARRL NC Section Manager.

A meeting with the fairgrounds staff is scheduled for 2 PM, March 18, 2020 to discuss specific requirements.

Vendors this year will include; Don Wilhelm from Elecraft, Ham World, dBj Electronics and FlexRadio .

NC QSO Party Chair:

QSO party is in two weeks. Sponsorships have been filled.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Webmaster:

Hank questioned the statement from the January minutes "Jeremy Lindsley (KB4JDL), who is replacing John Stone as Public Service Director". He indicated that the statement should read "interim Public Service Director".

At Large Director: (Ken Latchum)

Suggested that an announcement be made at the club meetings thanking Richard, Food Service Chair for his work. And to suggest that members throw a couple of bucks in the can for the meeting food.

New Business:

RARSfest.

The following items on the RARS website need to be added or updated:

The volunteer sign-up form.

The link to the "J-Wire" project video.

Notes from the last planning meeting need to be distributed

QSO event.

The event will include NC and SC on back to back days. A link to the QSO party website should be added to the exciter.

RARS Birthday Party:

The March meeting is the RARS birthday party and awards ceremony. Chuck Littlewood will chair the awards committee, but suggestions are needed to help nominate recipients.

New HAM meeting:

Cost of materials will now be reimbursed from the education line item of the budget.

Meeting time should be added to the nightly net script.

Youth Committee.

Brantley West presented ideas to help the club reach out to young people and become more involved with the local youth groups.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Action Items:

John Honeycutt:

- Contact the church about the temperature control.
- Update the church with the new Board members contact information.
- Inquire of Joe and Liz White as to whether they will sponsor a QSO party event.
- Contact Jeff Wittich to have new board members added and old members removed from rars-l.
- Appointed Chuck, K4HF as RARS Awards Committee Chair for the March 2020 RARS Birthday Party Meeting. All Board members need to be looking for and reporting deserving candidates.

Mark Kilmer:

- Contact Brian Young to discuss the Public Service organizational responsibilities and gather additional information.
- Serve as temporary POC for Public Service.

Hank Montgomery:

- Add links to the website.
 1. Sign-up form for RARSfest.
 2. Video link for "J-Wire" project.
 3. Link to QSO party website.

Tadd Torborg:

- Contact Virginia Enzor to have the New HAM Meeting time added to the net script.

Tara Goodwin:

- Contact RARSfest chairs to verify information for Volunteer sign-ups.
- Distribute notes from last meeting.

Brantley West:

- Write an article for the Exciter expressing the need for volunteers to establish a Youth Committee.

RARS Board Meeting Minutes continued

Greg Seamster:

- Obtain a current insurance certificate for the church.

Chuck Littlewood:

- Contact Tara to request notes from the last RARS*fest* planning meeting.

John Honeycutt adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM

RARS Membership Meeting – March 10, 2020

Ridge Road Baptist Church
2011 Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC

In celebration of the club birthday, a cake was served before the meeting.

President John Honeycutt (N8ZU), opened the meeting at 7:30.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

John called for visitor introductions.

A quorum was not present.

Treasurer, Greg Seamster (KE4PAX) provided the Treasurer's report via e-mail. It was presented by John.

RARS Members meeting minutes continued

Officer Reports:

President:

Announced the monthly club social activities including the RARS dinner at IHOP,
A gathering at Rudino's after the club meetings and Taco Thursday.
Invited all members to attend the monthly Board meeting.

Vice President:

Next months meeting topic will be "Raising an 80 Foot Tilt Tower".

Treasurer:

The club bank balance is healthy.
The bills for the RARSfest dinner and fairgrounds rental have been paid.

Secretary:

No report

Director and Committee Reports

Director at Large: Alan Pittegoft (AB4OZ)

The quarterly 10 meter net will take place April 14th after the nightly 2 meter net.
The Charlotte HAM fest is coming up. Tadd Torborg (KA2DEW suggested carpooling.

Director at Large: Tadd Torborg (KA2DEW)

At the New HAM meeting, antennas and radios were set up in the church yard.
They made a number of HF contacts.
Next months New HAM meeting will be "oscilloscopes".

Door Prizes:

Winner's of door prizes this month were;

Paul Bryant (N4YGU)

Charles Strickland (WA4OSS)

RARS Members meeting minutes continued

Additional Announcements:

Curt Phillips (W4CP) announced the meeting of the Short Wave/Scanner SIG meeting to be held at Red, Hot and Blue. Dinner will start at 6:30 with the program at 8:00. The program will be "Propagation". The meetings are held the third Monday of each month.

Curt also mentioned that Carl Davis (W8WZ) appeared in QST magazine, noting his Morse Code proficiency.

Annual Awards Presentation:

John (N8ZU) presented awards of appreciation to a group of individuals who have made exemplary service to the club. The list of recipients will appear in the Exciter.

Tonight's Program:

RARSfest 2020 presented by RARSfest Chair, Tara Goodwin (W4TSW). Tara had prepared a video, however, due to A/V difficulties, Tara made the presentation was made impromptu.

John Honeycutt called on a group of individuals who serve the club in the capacity including Net Control operators, Public Service and the VE team, asking them to stand and be recognized.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00

